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BOARD TO MEET THIS WEEK AT COLLEGE OF WESTERN IDAHO

(Boise). The Idaho State Board of Education will meet this Wednesday and Thursday, December 14 and 15, 2016, in Nampa on the campus of the College of Western Idaho (CWI). The meetings, which are open to the public, will be held at the Micron Center for Professional Technical Education, located at 5725 E. Franklin Road in Nampa.

Wednesday's meeting will be a work session beginning at 10:00 AM (MST) in Room 1701a/b and the Diesel Equipment Lab beginning at 1:00 PM. Topics of discussion will include coordinating activities between the Office of the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education (SDE), as well as a discussion regarding the Board's K-20 Education Strategic Plan with reports on dual credit in Idaho and higher education scholarships funded by the State of Idaho. The Board will then shift to a discussion on the Higher Education Research Strategic Plan.

Thursday's meeting will begin at 8:00 AM (MST). The agenda includes a progress report from CWI and a report examining the impact of the Direct Admissions initiative on college enrollment. The State Board will also discuss SDE's 2014-15 teacher evaluation audit during Superintendent Ybarra's report. Additionally, SDE will present revised science content standards for approval by the Board through the rulemaking process.

The entire agenda, materials and a link to live streaming of Thursday's meeting are available on the Board's web site at https://boardofed.idaho.gov/meetings/board/archive/2016/1214-1516/index.asp. Please note that there will not be a live stream of the morning portion of Wednesday's meeting. Those wishing to listen to Wednesday's morning meeting may do so via telephone at (877) 820-7829, participant code: 9096313.

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